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Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

February 5, 2002

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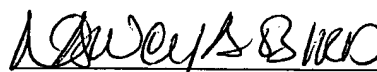
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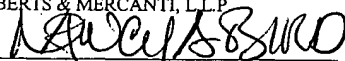
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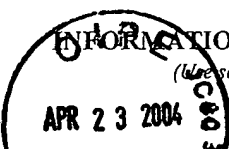
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